REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are pending in the instant application. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication of allowable subject matter in all claims in the most recent Office Action. As prescribed by the Examiner, claims 3 and 4 are amended above to correct mere oversights of an editorial nature. The amendments do not, nor should they be construed to surrender any subject matter relative to the original claims as filed. The amendments are merely tangential to the patentability of the claims.

Therefore, in light of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the application in condition for allowance, and kindly requests an early and favorable Notice of Allowability. If the Examiner has any reservations in allowing the claims and believes that a telephone interview would advance prosecution, he is kindly requested to telephone the undersigned at his earliest convenience.

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